

### The Iowa Mad-Stone, Which is Said to Have Saved So Many Lives.

Yesterday Mr. Turner Evans, of Paris, was in this city, says the Cedar Rapids Republican, and we asked him for the history of this remarkable stone in his possession. Where the stone was discovered is not known. The first that is known of it and its wonderful properties is that 135 years ago it was in the hands of an old Virginian by the name of Evans, a distant relative of its present owner. At an early day its fame was known throughout the surrounding country, and cases innumerable of bites by rabid animals and poisonous snakes were successfully treated with it. Adam Evans, father of the present proprietor, came into possession of it through his father, in the year 1812, while living near Boone Station, Kentucky. For 38 years it was an infallible remedy in his hands, and upon his decease it fell to Turner Evans, the present owner, who was then a resident of Paris, in this county. He has operated with it for 26 years, and says he never knew it to fail in curing the most hopeless cases of hydrophobia. For some time his friends and neighbors scoffed at the idea of its virtues, but after seeing him treat numerous desperate cases among horses and cattle, credulity in its remedial powers were founded on uncontrovertible fact. Since then none who have seen it operate can doubt its efficiency. He has had 680 cases, men and animals together, some of them after spasms had set in, and in no single case has the little treasure failed to give instant relief and ultimate and lasting cure. The stone is very small, being no larger than the end of a man's thumb, and weighs less than a quarter of an ounce.

In appearance it looks not unlike a bit of dark sponge, except that the grain is close and the pores not so large, though they seem to extend nearly from side to side. Examined through a glass, it looks like flint, and about the mouths of the pores are distinctly seen dark colored rings of matter resembling sand stone. In shape it is triangular, having but one flat surface, which is called the working face. Before operating, it is heated in a solution of milk and water, one part of the former and three of the latter, to blood heat. The patient is made to exercise until the blood circulates freely, then the skin of a portion of the body near the bite is scratched with a sharp pointed instrument until the blood shows, the stone is applied until it is filled with the virus, and then taken off and soaked out in warm milk and water. Applications are continued until the stone ceases to stick, when the cure is completed. Once applied to an infected person it can not be removed without considerable difficulty, so great is its power of suction. It has been known to stick to a single person between eighty and one hundred times. Upon the flesh of a person not inoculated with the saliva of a rabid creature it has no more effect than an ordinary pebble, unless the individual be diseased with salt rheum or scrofula, in which case its action is similar to that in a case of hydrophobia. It is thought that these latter diseases could be cured with it, but Mr. Evans has never undertaken to do so.

The medical fraternity have long since given up finding a sure remedy for this terrible disease, but Dr. Evans has had numbers of cases where the patients had had violent spasms and appeared to be about at the door of the most horrible death known, and has never lost a case. Among the more recent cases he has had was that of Mr. Bruce, of Mechanicsville, who, upon arrival at his house, was already given to nervous, painful jerking of the limbs and back. The case of Mr. Field, of Chicago, whose cure we noticed in Monday's Republican, was similar. Mr. Field told us that for twenty-four hours before the stone was applied he was subject to the most torturing involuntary jerking and twitching of the muscles, and that he suffered untold agony in both mind and body. He pronounced his cure radical, and said that he would have rather given all he was worth than not to have been treated by it, as he verily believes he should have gone mad without. Any one that hears him talk can not but have full faith in its powers.

### The Gorilla.

Those who have read Du Chaillu's African travels will be interested in seeing the stuffed hide of the terrible gorilla that was killed by the plucky little Frenchman in an encounter which he graphically describes. It is exhibited with the Ohio archaeological collection, in the mineral annex of the main building. The exhibit is the Mount Union College, of Alliance, Stark County, Ohio, for the museum of which it was obtained at a cost of \$10,000. When this formidable beast was attacked by Du Chaillu and two negroes he wrenched the guns out of the hands of the latter, bent them in the shape of a horse-shoe, killed both of the Africans, and then rushed towards Du Chaillu, screaming horribly and beating his breast with his forehands, as the gorilla always does when enraged. The little Gaul, however, finished his gorilla with a bullet through his heart, the mark of which may be seen. This affair occurred on the banks of the Gaboon River, in Africa. The stuffed hide—generally known in Centennial circles as "Dr. Darwin"—stands erect, grasping with one hand the limb of a tree. Assuming him to be still in the flesh, he weighs over 250 pounds, and is an excellent specimen of the nearest approach in the brute kingdom to man, from whom, in outward appearance, he differs but little except in the formation of the head, the length of the arms and legs, and in being covered, except on the face and palms, with dark brown hair, which is long and bushy on the head, shorter, but equally thick, on the breast and back of the hands. His height is five feet eleven inches. Belonging to the order of quadrumania, he has four hands, twice as large and three times as powerful as those of an ordinary man, from which those on the arms do not differ in form, while those on the legs are shaped like a man's foot, but have longer digits and are used both as hands and feet. The animal walks on all fours as readily as on his

legs only. The legs are about six inches shorter and the thighs much thinner than those of an ordinary-developed man of the same height as the gorilla. The bones of the animal are, however, one and a half times as thick and strong as those of such a man. The fist is a veritable sledge hammer, and the arm hardly less than a battering ram. As he never carried a pocket knife his finger nails appear to have been in mourning since birth. The circumference of his chest is 54 inches and that of his waist about 40. When erect his arms reach three inches below his knees. It is in the head that his animal nature is mainly displayed. It is twice as long as that of an ordinary man, forming in the rear an almost straight line with the back of his head. The forehead is scarce half an inch high, flat on top, and receding almost horizontally to the immense bump behind. The upper-half of the face is flat and square, the eyes being very large, brown, glaring, about five inches apart, and located near the top and sides of the face. The lower half is the bump of a monkey's physiognomy—chinless, but having a mouth, the corners of which are four inches apart in a straight line, and nine if the measurement is made around the lips. Where the social and intellectual "bumps" are in man there is next to nothing in the gorilla, although, corporally, he is only one step lower than man. In spite of his great yawning mouth, horrible grin and four immense canine teeth, the ladies inspect him with great interest. Philadelphia Times.

### The Murder in the Alps.

It will be remembered that on July 17 last the dead body of a young English woman, the wife of Henri de Tourville, a Frenchman, was found at the bottom of a ravine near the Stelvio Pass of the Tyrolean Alps. The only person who was with her at the time of her death was her husband, and although there was no direct evidence against him, the circumstantial evidence pointing to him as the murderer was very strong. It was clear that she could not have fallen down the gradually shelving slope, nor have thrown herself down it with suicidal purpose, as alleged by her husband, in such a way as to have caused death, and that death had been caused not by any fall, but by a gaping wound or cut in the temple. Still the local magistrate allowed the prisoner's discharge. The cause of the crime, it was thought, was De Tourville's fondness for a French maid in his wife's service, but new evidence has been brought to light tending to show his motive was more sordid.

The tragedy having come to the knowledge of the London police, a detective was ordered to look up the previous career of De Tourville, and to forward the result of his investigation to the police authorities at Innsbruck. It was ascertained that he formerly passed under the name of Henry Perreux, and that the victim of the Stelvio Pass was his second wife. When his first wife was very ill, one day when no one else was present, he took the opportunity to explain the mechanism of his revolver to his mother-in-law. By accident or design the weapon was discharged, and a bullet passed through the old lady's brain. His wife died soon after, and at her death De Tourville came into possession of her real estate valued at £40,000, which had it not been for the opportune death of his mother-in-law would have passed to her. The police, although not having evidence against him to cause his arrest, therefore kept a sharp eye on his movements. In November last he married his second wife, Margaret, who was worth £70,000. After the wedding he induced her to make a will making him her sole devisee and legatee. They then left England for the Continent, and their tour, as we already know, terminated in her tragic death in an Alpine ravine.—N. Y. Sun.

### A Bank President Mobbed.

POTTSVILLE, PA., Sept. 26.—Yesterday morning the prosecutor in a case in which Jacob Huntzinger is defendant, asked for and was granted an attachment for that individual. The people seemed to be aware that the author of their woes was coming to Pottsville on the 20 minutes to 8 o'clock train, for at that hour not less than five hundred human beings crowded the depot, filled the waiting room, and clogged every approach to it. The train had no sooner arrived than out of it stepped Deputy Sheriff Snyder and Mr. Huntzinger. A tremendous shout, mingled with groans and hisses, announced to those at a distance that the expected one had arrived. Snyder saw that there was trouble ahead, so, with the assistance of some of the bystanders, and after some of the hardest work ever indulged in by Sam, he ran his charge into the ladies' waiting-room and sat down to recover his breath. Huntzinger was pale as a ghost, and seemed to fear the worst, but he waited until the officer was ready, and then a fresh start was made.

As they descended the steps from the depot the yells and howlings of the dense mass of people by whom the street was crowded was simply terrific. Cries of "Huntzinger, disgorge," "Pay the blind man," "Resume, Jaker," and others of a worse character filled the air. The crowd closed in and surrounded the pair, one old woman, catching hold of Huntzinger's shoulder, shook him frantically, and cried, "You old—, give me my money!" The air was filled with all sorts of pyrotechnics—purchased for the occasion—pistols, toy ones, we suppose, although they didn't sound much like it—were fired, and the excitement of the masses was fast degenerating into a delirium of rage. Only a spark was needed, and Huntzinger might never have reached a shelter, and his protector, understanding this, changed his intention of conveying his charge to his own house, suddenly ran him into the house of his son, who lives in the same building as that occupied by the National Bank.

—Miss Smiley, the preacheress, is writing a long "Commentary on the Life of Joshua."

### SEASONABLE RECIPES.

**Cocoanut Cake.**—1 cup of butter, 3 of sugar, 5 eggs, the whites beaten to a stiff froth; 4 cups of flour, 1 cocoa grated, a piece reserved for the frosting; 13 teaspoonfuls of yeast powder; flavor to suit the taste.

**To Can Tomatoes.**—Scald them so that the skin will peel off readily, and cut them up in a colander to drain, removing all hard and inedible portions. Boil them in a porcelain or brass kettle till done, which will be in about 5 minutes from the time they begin to boil. Then dip them into cans and seal immediately. The liquor which has drained off may be spiced and boiled down to catsup.

**Grape Jelly.**—If you wish for a beautiful amber-colored jelly, quite tart and nice to eat with meats, use grapes entirely green. Remove stems, and wash the fruit; cover with cold water and cook until soft; strain through a flannel bag with little pressure; measure out equal quantities of juice and sugar; boil the juice, and skim it until quite clear; meantime heat the sugar (taking care not to brown it), and, after putting the two together, boil 10 minutes, or until you have jelly. Pursue the same course in making other kinds of jelly. Most kinds of fruit should be used before quite ripe to be sure of firm jelly. Use a triangular jelly-bag.

**A Nice, Simple Pudding.**—For a pudding-dish holding 2 quarts, take a cup of tapioca or sago; wash it; cover with water, adding a pinch of salt; pare and slice 6 or 8 good-sized apples, choosing those that cook easily; put these in a dish with sugar according to taste, and fill the dish with cold water. Bake until the apple is thoroughly cooked; stir occasionally to prevent the forming of a crust and to mix apple and sago. It is sometimes necessary to add a little hot water. If the pudding is covered while cooking, it will require less attention. I like to cover most puddings in the oven until nearly done to prevent drying up or burning, and for that purpose it is well to have a tin cover made without solder—the handle riveted. The above pudding requires two hours or more for baking, according to the quality of apples used. Some may prefer it stiffer. It should be turned out of the baking-dish while hot, and may be molded like blanc mange. May be eaten warm or cold, with sugar and cream.

**To Remove Stains.**—Almost any ink-stain which has not been washed may be removed by the use of sweet milk and salt, boiled together. Dip the spot as soon as the milk boils. When cool enough to handle, rub the spot. It is sometimes necessary to heat the milk more than once, or use fresh milk if the first is much discolored. With me this has never failed to remove fresh spots, even if very large; and often removes those that have long been dry, also other stains than those of ink. A solution of oxalic acid will remove ink and iron rust—probably many other stains—but should be used with caution, as it is a powerful acid, and if too strong a solution is used may remove the cloth with the spot, or make it very tender. This, too, is best suited to white goods, though I did once use it on black and white calico, and to my surprise, the black was not changed. I never tried either of these for mildew. Have seen chloride of lime recommended for that, also salt wet with tomato-juice often renewed, laying the article stained upon the grass.

### Watching His Opportunity.

Elder Stark and his worthy wife were the happy parents of nine children—girls and boys—and a rip-roaring set they were. Day and night they made things lively around the old hearthstone, for even the darkness failed entirely to quell their turbulent spirits, for by the time the older ones had quieted down to sleep, the younger ones would begin to stir. But at the table, while the blessing was being asked, absolute quiet and attention were strenuously insisted upon. Happening in to dinner one day (for the Elder's hospitality was as large as his family was numerous), I watched with interest the marshaling of these fractious elements about the table. One after another was cuffed, chided, or rebuked by the worthy dame, while the Elder sat with hands meekly folded, watching eagerly for the first sign of a calm. At length, when a momentary lull settled down upon the expectant circle, the mother gave the table a smart rap with her knuckles, and shouted, "Quick, quick, pa! now is your time!" and grace was said.—San Francisco Call.

### Domestic Reform in Turkey.

The new Sultan, Abdul Hamid, is in favor of economy and reform. From time immemorial the court kitchen has provided the countless persons employed in the household with provisions, which they were allowed to take to their homes. In Abdul Aziz's time the court kitchen cost more than £10,000 Turkish a month. By a mere order from the Sultan, the cost has been reduced to one-half, and the employees will have plentiful repasts; for, instead of taking the provisions home, meals will be supplied at fixed hours in the palace. Abdul Hamid has also determined to take his own meals with members of his family, instead of alone, like his predecessors. The Sultan has adopted another measure of economy. Hitherto the position of the Sultan's mother has been an exceptional one. Alone of all Mohammedan women she can appear in public unveiled, and receive as many visits as she likes. Her household has always been organized on a most profuse scale, and the mother of the late Abdul Aziz had no fewer than a hundred female slaves and eighty eunuchs in her service. The present Sultan's mother died while he was quite a child, and, according to custom, he was given in charge of a lady of the palace, who has claimed, as his adopted mother, the usual privileges. They have thus refused her by the Sultan, who has thus effected a saving of £150,000 Turkish per annum.

A FALL of rain of one inch in depth sends down a hundred tons of water on an acre of ground.

### Buying a Husband.

We often hear of men marrying for money, but it is rare that the stipulation is so directly a matter of bargain and sale as that shown in a recent lawsuit. Emanuel Duetach, a wealthy liquor-merchant on Front Street, in this city, has sued Morris Langer and Lyons Langer to recover \$500 in cash and two notes of \$1,000 which the plaintiff gave to the first defendant some months ago, on condition that he (the defendant) would marry plaintiff's daughter. They had been engaged for some time, and the marriage had been postponed upon the plea that defendant could not afford to marry; so Duetach, thinking to help him along, agreed to advance him this amount, supposing the marriage would take place at once. On the contrary, as soon as Langer got the money and notes, he ceased his visits to Miss D., and flatly refused to marry her at all. When demand was made upon him for the money, he declined to pay; and hence the suit. He pretended to have sold the notes to his brother Lyons, and accordingly the latter was included in the suit. The young lady is now preparing to follow up the case by proceedings for breach-of-promise.—N. Y. Correspondent Chicago Tribune.

### The Season of Intermittents.

All miasmatic complaints, in other words, all disorders generated by unwholesome exhalations from the earth or water, are prevalent at this season. In every section subject to the visitation of fever and ague, or other forms of intermittent disease, the causes which produce these maladies are now actively at work. This, therefore, is a period of the year when the inhabitants of such districts should prepare their systems to meet the unwholesome condition of the atmosphere, by a course of long and alternative treatment. Foremost among the ingredients recommended by time and experience as a means of fortifying the system against all endemic and epidemic maladies, stands Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. By a timely use of the Bitters, the feeblest resident of an unhealthy spot may escape the sickness, which, without the aid of this potent ally of nature, will be apt to overtake the strongest.

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